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SUBJECT: MONDALE-VORSTER MEETING: LANGUAGE ON RHODESIA

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1. THE LANGUAGE ON RHODESIA TO WHICH VORSTER AGREED WAS:
"THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AGREES TO SUPPORT BRITISH-
AMERICAN EFFORTS TO GET THE DIRECTLY INTERESTED PARTIES TO
AGREE TO AN INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION AND THE NECESSARY
TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENT, INCLUDING THE HOLDING OF ELECTIONS
IN WHICH ALL CAN TAKE PART EQUALLY SO THAT ZIMBABWE CAN
ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE IN 1978 AND PEACE. LIKEWISE EVERY
EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO BRING ABOUT A DE-ESCALATION OF
VIOLENCE AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS
WILL BE THE BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE THIS END."

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2. AS THE VICE PRESIDENT NOTED, VORSTER SAID HE MIGHT HAVE
TO INTERPRET THE PHRASE "IN WHICH ALL CAN TAKE PART EQUALLY"
IN HIS OWN WAY. IF HE DOES SO, IT WILL BE PRESUMABLY ALONG
THE LINES THAT THE FRANCHISE MUST BE DEFINED BY THE CONSTI-
TUTION AND WILL NOT NECESSARILY BE ONE-MAN, ONE-VOTE.

3. THE VICE PRESIDENT USED THE AGREED LANGUAGE
IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE IN VIENNA ON MAY 20. PLEASE LET
ME KNOW IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE FULL TEXTSINCE THE
BRITISH SHOULD BE GIVEN A COPY. VANCE

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